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SUBJECT: ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF
BOEING 720

REF: A)COLOMBO 602 NOTAL; B)COLOMBO 1010 NOTAL; C)STATE
20394 NOTAL

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM MATTHEW L. GOLD,
ATTORNEY, REPRESENTING ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION WHICH IS
SEEKING THE RELEASE OF A BOEING 720-022, S/N/18073 WHICH IS
IN THE CUSTODY OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN KARACHI.

2. ATLAS IS THE REGISTERED U.S. OWNER OF THIS AIRCRAFT
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WHICH WAS LEASED TO CALEDONIAN AIRLINES AND WAS THEN SUB-
LEASED TO AIR CEYLON. CALEDONIAN APPARENTLY DEFAULTED ON
THE LEASE IN JANUARY 1977 AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLOWN FROM
SRI LANKA TO KARACHI WHERE IT WAS PARTIALLY DAMAGED IN A
LANDING ACCIDENT.

3. MR. GARY J. BALNICKI, VICE PRESIDENT OF ATLAS, AND

ATTORNEY GOLD VISITED KARACHI WHERE THEY EXAMINED THE AIRCRAFT AND MADE APPLICATION TO AIR VICE MARSHAL HALL, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION, FOR RELEASE OF THE AIRCRAFT.

THIS WAS HANDLED FOR ATLAS BY PIA. ACCORDING TO LETTER FROM GOLD, AIR CEYLON DISCLAIMED ANY INTEREST IN AIRCRAFT AND CALEDONIAN DEFAULTED LEAVING ATLAS TO RETRIEVE ITS PROPERTY.

4. TELEX MESSAGE RECEIVED BY ATLAS FROM LLOYDS OF LONDON INDICATES THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL HALL NOW INSISTS THAT ATLAS REPRESENTATIVES REAPPEAR IN KARACHI TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. ATLAS IS THEREFORE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND CONGEN IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF THE AIRCRAFT WITHOUT NECESSITY OF FURTHER TRIP TO KARACHI.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS VERIFIED WITH FAA ON MAY 11 THAT THE ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, MIAMI, FLORIDA, IS THE U.S. REGISTERED OWNER OF BOEING 720-022 AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 18073, U.S. REGISTRY NUMBER N-64696. ATLAS OBTAINED U.S. REGISTRATION FOR THIS AIRCRAFT ON APRIL 6, 1976. THE LEASE BETWEEN ATLAS AND CALEDONIAN AIRLINES DATED DECEMBER 25, 1976, IS ALSO ON FILE WITH THE FAA.

6. THE FAA HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT ITS AERONAUTICAL CENTER IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA SENT A TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE DATED APRIL 29, 1977 TO AIR VICE MARSHAL ERIC G. HALL, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION IN KARACHI, ADVISING UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY GOLD WHICH FOLLOWS BY POUCH, WILL ASSIST CONGEN IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT. CHRISTOPHER

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